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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,835,687
- (2) AU Patent No. 744936
- (3) WO 99/22510

(4) D. Hong et al., "A Serpentine Error Diffusion Kernel with Threshold Modulation for Homogeneous dot Distribution", IS&Ts Recent Progress in Digital Halftoning II (1999) pp. 306-309.

(5) M. Nose et al., "Modified Error Diffusion with Smoothly Dispersed Dots in Highlight and Shadow", IS&Ts Recent Progress in Digital Halftoning II, (1999) pp. 310-313.

Reference (4) is discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,835,687	11/10/98	Brown et al.	395	109	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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744936	06/28/01	Australia			
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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